

***Next Day II*, February 11th – April 3rd, 2016
with works by Doug Ashford**

Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam is proud to host *Next Day II*, a small solo show on the 4th floor with works by Doug Ashford (b. 1958, lives and works in New York).

The title of the show is drawn from Doug Ashford's new work *Next Day*, 2015-2016, which was shown earlier this winter on the 4th floor in conjunction with works by Remco Torenbosch and James Beckett. *Next Day*, 2015-2016 depicts an emotional appraisal of the New York Times press coverage of the 9/11 attacks. This work (in progress) consists of a reprinting of all 28 pages of the historic September 12th issue through the 'lens' of colored, abstract patterns.

Experimenting with a new form of presentation, we will also show a few smaller pieces from Ashford's *Bakersfield CA*, 2013-2015, exhibited earlier at our gallery as an installation of paintings, photographs and glass panels hung on the wall. According to the artist, the configuration of the work can be developed further at the instigation of others, including after it has been shown or even sold. We have put this to the test by introducing a large wooden box as an exhibition stand, inside of and around which the various elements of the work have been rearranged. The box functions as a new component of the work that may be used alternately by the owner or curator to create a display according to one's own personal preferences.

In his recent works Ashford focuses on the mediating role of the artwork itself by re-depicting social and political expressions through a recovery of abstract painting. Coming from a background of socially engaged public practice in the eighties and nineties as a member of the New York-based artist collective Group Material (1982-1996), Ashford took up painting in earnest after the collective ended.

The opening of *Next Day II* will take place in conjunction with Remco Torenbosch's solo show in the main space of the gallery on Thursday, February 11th between 6 - 8 pm. The show runs until April 4th, 2016.

The gallery is open Friday – Sunday 1-6 p.m. and by appointment. For further information and visuals, please contact the gallery: office@wilfriedlentz.com or +31 (0) 10 4126459